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William Conklin, Great Falls attorney, was elected chairman of the State Library Commission at its meeting on November 16. Mrs. Doris Davies, Lewis and Clark Junior High School Librarian, Billings, was elected vice-chairman. Conklin, formerly vice-chairman of the Commission, succeeds M. J. Traynor, of Scobey, as chairman.

At the November 16 meeting, the Commission reconsidered its budget request made last July, and affirmed its intention of seeking from the 1971 Legislature sufficient funds from state sources to operate the basic State Library program, so that funds from Title I of the Library Services and Construction Act can be spent entirely in public library development programs.

The House Committee on Education and Labor reported favorably on the extension of the Library Services and Construction Act on November 24. Action by the full House of Representatives is scheduled for early December, in hope that the extension of LSCA through 1976 can be effected prior to the adjournment of Congress in December.

The Montana Library Association has announced the appointment of Chet Huntley as chairman, and Bill Merrick, manager of KBMN, Bozeman, as vice-chairman, of the Montana Committee for National Library Week, 1971.

New quarters for the State Prison Library will be formally dedicated on December 9. State Senator William Bertsche and State Library Commission chairman William Conklin will speak. Funds for the remodeling project were voted by the 1969 Legislature; funds to purchase shelving and furniture have been expended by the State Library under Title IV-A of the Library Services and Construction Act. The prison librarian is a member of the State Library staff and library materials are supplied by the State Library.

The Prison Library is an example of a good small public library, with over 3,000 hardcover books and approximately 1,000 paperback books in the collection. Twenty-five magazines and seven newspapers are received. A stereo record player, with headphones, is available for listening to a collection of newly purchased phonograph records, representing a wide range of interests.

Inmates and prison staff have access to a library network which includes the Montana State Library and academic and public libraries around the state. If material requested is not available in the state, the services of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center, in Seattle, are available to help in finding materials. In the eleven state institutions, this is the second library of its kind to be installed. Warm Springs State Hospital's patient library, also operated by the State Library, was opened in May 1968. The State Library expects to open additional institution libraries as funds from state and federal sources permit.

David Hoffman, Acting State Librarian, and Shirley Hake, Billings Public Librarian, spoke on December 2 to Kiwanians and other interested citizens in Harlowton on the state plan for public library development and the possibilities for participation by Harlowton and Wheatland county in the South Central Federation of Libraries.

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